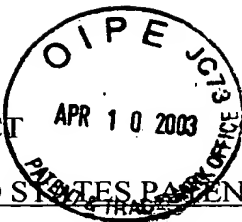


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SIR:

Prior to a further examination on the merits, and in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, and the Advisory Action of March 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 14-17 as follows:

14. (New) A method for preparing solutions with predetermined concentrations of soluble sterile product in powder form enclosed and sealed within a sterile bag constructed of flexible polyolefin materials, comprising:

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